GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:460
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SCIENCE CENTRES AND PLANETARIUMS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of science centres and planetariums in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Union Government has received proposals from various State Governments including Bihar and Gujarat for establishment of more such centres and planetariums;

(c) if so, the details thereof during the last two years and the current year alongwith the action taken thereon, proposal- wise;

(d) the details of the programmes undertaken by the said science centres and planetariums to develop scientific attitude and temper amongst the people during the last one year; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to establish such centres and planetariums in every State/UT of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER FOR CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 460 FOR 08.05.2012

(a): 24 Science Centres have been developed and are run by National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Culture. In addition, 11 Science Centres, developed by NCSM, are run by State/UT authorities. Some of these Science Centres have planetariums. Details are at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c): Setting up of Science Centres is an ongoing activity, based on proposals received from State Governments from time to time, in accordance with approved norms/guidelines, subject to availability of resources. Year-wise details of proposals received during last 2 years and their current status is placed at Annexure-II.

(d): The programmes organized by NCSM during the last one year to develop scientific attitude and temper amongst the people include exhibitions, seminars, popular lectures, science camps and other science educational programmes through Indoor Science Galleries, and Outdoor Science Parks and traveling exhibitions including Mobile Science Exhibition Programmes.

(e): It is a constant endeavor of Central Government to set up Science Cities in different States of the country. However, the State Governments have to initiate proposals for setting up Science Centres including planetariums, and based on the merits of each case, pro rata financial assistance is considered by the Centre.